

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 381**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani**

February 15, 2007

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An act to amend Section 14045 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 381, as introduced, Galgiani. Medi-Cal: provider reimbursement.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits.

Existing law, subject to certain exceptions, prohibits a provider under the Medi-Cal program from submitting a reimbursement request to the Medi-Cal program that contains a beneficiary's social security number in order to receive payment if the department has issued that beneficiary a Medi-Cal beneficiary identification card containing a beneficiary number that includes the issuance date.

This bill would also apply this provision to the submission of a request by a provider for beneficiary eligibility.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14045 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 14045. (a) A provider ~~may~~ *shall* not submit a reimbursement
- 4 *or beneficiary eligibility* request to the Medi-Cal program

1 containing a beneficiary's social security number in order to receive  
2 payment if the department has issued that beneficiary a Medi-Cal  
3 beneficiary identification card containing a beneficiary number  
4 with the issuance date included in that number.

5 (b) This section shall not apply to services provided by the  
6 following provider types or to the following types of services:

7 (1) A hospital licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with  
8 Section 1250) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code.

9 (2) A long-term health care facility, as defined in Section 1418  
10 of the Health and Safety Code.

11 (3) A primary care clinic that is licensed pursuant to subdivision  
12 (a) of Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code.

13 (4) Emergency medical transportation services.